

### *Amendments to the Claims*

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A compressible dosage form comprising a substantially uniform distribution of active cushioning components, an active cushioning component with a uniform distribution of active components throughout the cushioning component, wherein the active cushioning component is a bead, granule, particle or pellet and, wherein the active cushioning component comprises:

- a) ~~a placebo cushioning component comprising a highly compactable filler, a highly water absorbing material and water; and~~ a core comprising an active-loaded particle; and
- b) ~~active-loaded particles; a porous cushioning layer surrounding the core, wherein the cushioning layer comprises a highly compactable filler, and a highly water absorbing material;~~

wherein the active cushioning component is made by a process comprising

- i) admixing the highly compactable filler, the highly water absorbing material, water ~~placebo cushioning component and the active-loaded particles are admixed to form an admixture and forming a bead, granule, particle or pellet; and~~
- ii) ~~the admixture is freeze dried~~ freeze-drying the bead, granule, particle or pellet to form the non-hygroscopic the active cushioning component, wherein the freeze-drying process creates the porous cushioning layer that surrounds the active-loaded particle core which yields active loaded particles which can withstand a compression force as high as 1000 kg during a tableting process.

2. (Currently Amended) The compressible dosage form of claim 1, wherein the ~~placebo-cushioning layer component of part (b)~~ layer component is a bead or particle and has a particle size ranging from about 20  $\mu\text{m}$  up to about 2000  $\mu\text{m}$ .
3. (Currently amended) The compressible dosage form of claim 2, wherein the ~~placebo-cushioning layer component~~ layer component is a bead or particle and has a particle size ranging from about 20  $\mu\text{m}$  up to about 1000 $\mu\text{m}$ .
4. (Currently amended) The compressible dosage form of claim 2, wherein the ~~placebo-cushioning layer component~~ layer component is a bead or particle and has a particle size ranging from about 20  $\mu\text{m}$  up to about 500  $\mu\text{m}$ .
5. (Previously amended) The compressible dosage form of claim 1, wherein the active-loaded particles are present in an amount ranging from about 0.1% to about 97% by weight based on the total weight of the active cushioning component.
6. (Previously amended) The compressible dosage form of claim 1, wherein the active-loaded particles are present in an amount ranging from about 20% to about 90% by weight based on the total weight of the active cushioning component.
7. (Previously amended) The compressible dosage form of claim 1, wherein the active-loaded particles are present in an amount ranging from about 40% to about 75% by weight based on the total weight of the active cushioning component.
8. (Original) The compressible dosage form of claim 1, wherein the highly compactable filler is present in an amount ranging from about 5% to about 90% based on the combined weight of highly-water absorbing material and compactable filler.
9. (Original) The compressible dosage form of claim 8, wherein the highly compactable filler is present in an amount ranging from about 5% to about 80% based on the combined weight of highly-water absorbing material and compactable filler.

10. (Original) The compressible dosage form of claim 8, wherein the highly compactable filler is present in an amount ranging from about 5% to about 60% based on the combined weight of highly-water absorbing material and compactable filler.
11. (Original) A tablet comprising the compressible dosage form of claim 1.